**Second Dimension – Christianity Experienced**

**Segment V – The Golden Chain of Redemption (Concepts 44-53)Progressive Bible Concepts - #52 “Sanctification – Various Approaches”**

***The Work of Redemption “The Order of Salvation”*** ***‘The Ordo Salutis’***

“The s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in God’s p\_\_\_\_\_\_ of salvation.”

**Sanctification**

**Imperatives:**

* *“…but like the Holy One who called you, b\_\_ h\_\_\_\_\_\_ yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, “You shall b\_\_ h\_\_\_\_\_\_, for I am holy.”* I Peter 1:15,16
* *“…w\_\_\_\_\_\_ out y\_\_\_\_\_\_ salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at w\_\_\_\_\_\_ in you, both to will and to w\_\_\_\_\_\_ for His good pleasure…” Phil 2:12,13*
* Work out – *katergazesthe*- pres mid i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; achieve by hard work; bring to completion
* At work – *energov* - pres act p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* To work – *energen* - pres act i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* To will – desire – active volition, willing action
* Pleasure – *eudokia* – s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or benevolent purpose
* Fear *– phobos –* terror or fright
* Trembling *– tremo* – quake or quiver
* Your salvation – eauton – your own redemption

**Alice in Wonderland**

*Alice is facing a fork in the road and does not know which path to take so she asked the cat and he responds, “It depends. Where do you want to go?” Alice responds, “I don’t know.” The cat responds, “Then either road will do.”*

*Since holiness is where we want to go, what is the best pathway to get us there?*

**Pathways to Choose From**

* Holiness is like a gem with many facets. There are varieties of approaches to the spiritual life, but these are facets of a larger gem that is greater than the sum of its parts. 21st century believers inherit a wealthy and rich body of wisdom regarding spiritual growth from those who have gone before us. We do well to heed their examples and to follow their well-worn pathways to spiritual maturity. However, while we remain teachable to these ancient and contemporary paths, we must also remain d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in pursuing God’s will in working out our own salvation.

**FACET 1 Relational Spirituality: Loving God Completely, Ourselves Correctly, and Others Compassionately**

* As a communion of three persons, God is a relational being. He originates a personal relationship with us, and our high and holy calling is to respond to his loving initiatives. By loving God completely, we discover who and whose we are as we come to see ourselves as God sees us. In this way, we become secure enough to become others-centered rather than self-centered, and this enables us to become givers rather than grabbers. Life is l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God and your neighbor as His beloved c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Core - *“See Thee more c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, love Thee more d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, follow Thee more n\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”* – St. Richard of Chichester (1197-1253)

**FACET 2 Paradigm Spirituality: Cultivating an Eternal versus a Temporal Perspective – I Peter 2:11**

* This approach contrasts the temporal and eternal value systems and emphasizes the need for a paradigm shift from a cultural to a biblical way of seeing life. The experience of our mortality can help us transfer our hope from the seen to the unseen and realize the preciousness of present opportunities. Our presuppositions shape our perspective, our perspective shapes our priorities, and our priorities shape our practice. Life is living s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by faith as p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Core – *“Seeing the earthly life through e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ eyes, and living d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from temporal possessions and pleasures.”*

**FACET 3 Disciplined Spirituality: Engaging in the Historical Disciplines**

* There has been a resurgence of interest in the classical disciplines of the spiritual life, and this approach looks at the reasons for this trend and the benefits of the various disciplines. It also focuses on the needed balance between radical dependence on God and personal discipline and discusses the dynamics of obedience and application. Life is practicing godly h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as a d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Core – “…d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ yourselves for the purpose of godliness…” I Tim 4:7,8

**FACET 4 Life Spirituality: Grasping Our True Identity in Christ**

* The nineteenth and twentieth centuries saw the growth of an experiential approach to the spiritual life that is based on the believer’s new identity in Christ. Identification with Christ in his crucifixion and resurrection (Romans 6; Galatians 2:20) means that our old life has been exchanged for the life of Christ. This approach to spirituality moves from a works to a grace orientation and from legalism to liberty because it centers on our acknowledgment that Christ’s life is our life. Life is about our new i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Core – *“…your life is hidden with Christ…”* Col 3:3

**FACET 5 Motivated Spirituality: A Set of Biblical Incentives**

* People are motivated to satisfy their needs for security, significance, and fulfillment, but they turn to the wrong places to have their needs met. This approach presents the option of looking to Christ rather than the world to meet our needs. A study of Scripture reveals a number of biblical motivations: these include fear, love and gratitude, rewards, identity, purpose and hope, and longing for God. Our task is to be more motivated by the things God declares to be important than by the things the world says are important. Life is about pleasing God as His f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Core – *“…have as our a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Him.”* II Cor 5:9

**FACET 6 Devotional Spirituality: Falling in Love with God**

* What are the keys to loving God, and how can we cultivate a growing intimacy with him? This approach explores what it means to enjoy God and to trust in him. Henry Scougal observed that “the worth and excellency of a soul is to be measured by the object of its love.” We are most satisfied when we seek God’s pleasure above our own, and we gradually become conformed to what we most love and admire. Life is about valuing God as His w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Core – *“…the n\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God is my g\_\_\_\_\_\_.”* Psalm 73:28

**FACET 7 Holistic Spirituality: Every Component of Life under the Lordship of Christ**

* There is a general tendency to treat Christianity as a component of life along with other components such as family, work, and finances. This compartmentalization fosters a dichotomy between the secular and the spiritual. The biblical alternative is to understand the implications of Christ’s lordship over every aspect of life in such a way that even the most mundane components of life can become expressions of the life of Christ in us. Life is about being fully integrated under His lordship as His s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Core – “…no man can serve t\_\_\_\_ masters.”

**FACET 8 Process Spirituality: Process versus Product, Being versus Doing**

* In our culture, we increasingly tend to be human doings rather than human beings. The world tells us that what we achieve and accomplish determines who we are, but the scriptures teach that who we are in Christ should be the basis for what we do. The dynamics of growth are inside out rather than outside in. This approach talks about becoming faithful to the process of life rather than living from one product to the next. It also focuses on what it means to abide in Christ and to practice his presence. Life is abiding in Him, the true vine as his b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Core – *“A\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Me, and I in you.”* John 15:4

**FACET 9 Spirit-Filled Spirituality: Walking in the Power of the Spirit**

* Although there are divergent views of spiritual gifts, Spirit-centered believers and Word-centered believers agree that until recently, the role of the Holy Spirit has been somewhat neglected as a central dynamic of the spiritual life. This approach considers how to appropriate the love, wisdom, and power of the Spirit and stresses the biblical implications of the Holy Spirit as a personal presence rather than a mere force. Life is about the f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of His Spirit as His v\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Core – *“...be f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the Spirit.”* Eph 5:18

**FACET 10 Warfare Spirituality: The Word, the Flesh, and the Devil**

* Spiritual warfare is not optional for believers in Christ. Scripture teaches and illustrates the dynamics of this warfare on three fronts: the world, the flesh, and the devil. The worldly and demonic systems are external to the believer, but they entice and provide opportunities for the flesh, which is the capacity for sin within the believers. This approach outlines a biblical strategy for dealing with each of these barriers to spiritual growth. Life is about c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ evil as His s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Core – *“We overwhelmingly c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through Him…”* Rom 8:37

**FACET 11 Nurturing Spirituality: A Lifestyle of Evangelism and Discipleship**

* The believer’s highest call in ministry is to reproduce the life of Christ in others. Reproduction takes the form of evangelism for those who do not know Christ and edification for those who do. This approach develops a philosophy of discipleship and evangelism and looks at edification and evangelism as a way of life; lifestyle discipleship and evangelism are the most effective and realistic approaches to unbelievers and believers within our sphere of influence. Life is about spiritual reproduction as His w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Core – *“Make d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of all the n\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_…”* Matt 28:19

**FACET 12 Corporate Spirituality: Encouragement, Accountability, and Worship**

* We come to faith as individuals, but we grow in community. This approach discusses the need for community, challenges and creators of community, the nature and purpose of the church, soul care, servant leadership, accountability, and renewal. Life is about staying c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as members of His body.
* Core – *“Now you are Christ’s b\_\_\_\_\_\_, and i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ members of it.”* I Cor 12:27



**Sanctification**

**Hindrances:**

1. S\_\_\_\_\_\_-c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ spirituality – Christians in the West have substituted the pursuit of the g\_\_\_\_\_\_ l\_\_\_\_\_\_ in place of the pursuit of h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The mass production of self help books that pose formulas which promise to yield more enjoyment of life tend to produce a self-absorbed version of sanctification intended to bring well being to the person rather glory to God. Taken to the extreme, this is called narcissism or ‘me-ism’ which in the end, worships the idol of self-f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. 21st Century A\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Today we tend to equate b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Our entertainment-driven world saves us from boredom. The church world is program driven, with pastors being program d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, versus shepherds of the flock. Life busyness eventually leads to spiritual b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Sunday, prescribed in the bible as a day of rest, is the busiest shopping day of the week.
3. M\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ‘Churchianity’ – Many bible believing churches are fraught with c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the root of which is ungodliness.
4. D\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ‘Christianity’ – much ‘holiness’ teaching (higher life, deeper life, exchanged life, victorious life) has yielded d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ results and have d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ believers efforts to pursue holiness of life.
5. T\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-driven Christianity – many Christians leaders are seeking to make a n\_\_\_\_\_\_ for themselves through publication of materials, media recognition, climbing the denominational ladder, etc. Quote – ‘*Where there is a m\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the pulpit, there will be a f\_\_\_\_ in the pew.*’
6. S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ evangelicalism – we seem to be out of tune with God’s holiness and His hatred for sin, therefore we offer a trite f\_\_\_\_\_\_ of holiness based upon trite i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into holiness which result in trite c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about holiness.

**Sanctification – What it is Not:**

* It is not o\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* It is not e\_\_\_\_\_\_
* It is not w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* It is not attained by d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the magic insight that suddenly takes you to the ‘p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ land’
* There is no such thing as ‘having a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’
* There is no s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for intentionality and sustained effort
* It does not involve a two s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ experience

**Sanctification – What it is:**

* It is a p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, not point action
* It is i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, not external (attitude over action)
* It is not knowledge, it is o\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; applying more than knowing
* It is c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, not automatic
* It is the end p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of divine enablement
* It is a d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, not a dream
* It is inseparably linked to f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of spiritual growth which never grow old or outdated
* It is a n\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ experience, not something unusual

**Sanctification – Generalizations:**

* It is the p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ way to express gratitude to God for our salvation
* It is the greatest c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the believer to stay centered
* It is a l\_\_\_\_\_\_ obedience with no short cuts, no silver bullet insights, and no expectations of ‘having arrived’ this side of heaven
* It is the f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of high intentionality and sustained effort
* There will be h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (deeper experiences) and l\_\_\_\_\_\_ (trials) which must be interpreted correctly through scripture
* There are f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of spiritual growth which never grow old or outdated that must be adhered to consistently
* The true measure of progress is l\_\_\_\_\_\_, not knowledge, gifts, or skills

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**The Composite (The Wheel as a Whole)**

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**Summary** – **Concept 52**

* Due to the passage of time and God-given temperamental differences, a variety of valid approaches to sanctification have developed from which we should profit as we work out our own salvation and move forward in our current spiritual journey**.**

**Next Week** – **Concept 53**

* **Perseverance and Glorification**